What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Duties of Some of the Important Committees which Have Been Appointed. PITTSBURG, Dec. 4, 1893.

Already many of the various sub-committees of the 28th National Encampment have been appointed, and are entering upon their duties. It may prove of interest to know the duties of some of these, so I will give them as issued by the Executive Committee:

The Committee on Accommodations shall arrange for accommodations with hotels, boarding houses and private citizens; secure the reservation of such buildings and grounds, build barracks, and establish and set camps | the matter in earnest. that may be required in providing accommodations for visiting members of the Grand Army of the Republic. They shall see that the occupants of buildings and grounds are protected from encroachments upon their rights, and shall look after their general welfare and comfort; establish a system for the proper delivery of mails; locate information tureaus in various the easy reach of vi-itors,

sociation shall have charge of all Reunions panies, regiments, brigades, divisions, corps, or other military or naval associations desire to hold Reunious, determine the time and place of Naval Association as to the character of the display of that body, and make all necessary arrangements for the same.

The Committee on Transportation shall take | rendered its charter.

decorated, furnished, and lighted; that it is kept | ranks before December 31, 1893. n proper order, and that regaisite facilities are | A grand musical and literary entertainment

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

INDIANA .-James T. Johnston, the Department Com-

contributions for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Knightstown. The Posts send the amounts immediately.

many worthy comrades are out of employment, | business and the Soldiers' Homes are full to overflowing, W. W. Stephenson Post, 669, Brooklyn, will lies who actually reside here.

The Department Commander, Phil Schaller, in recent General Orders, says he confidently relies upon the best effects of the comrades in reducing the suspended list, and in energetically recruiting our ranks, Comrades, let no worthy veteran escape, but seek him out and cordially and carna-tly invite him to join us in our efforts to uphold the principles for which we fought, and to assist our needy comrades and their widows and orphans.

The court-martial proceedings of August Wentz Post, No. 1, in the case of Charles Peters, together with the findings and sentence of dishonorable discharge, has been approved by the PENNSYLVANIA .-Department Commander, and is hereby promulgated to the Department.

The court-martial proceedings of Hyde Clark Post, No. 78, in the case of E. H. King, late | paid a fraternal visit to Myerstown Post, where Quartermaster of said Post, together with the a happy evening was spent in greetings, remifindings and sentence of dishonorable discharge, | niscences, and so on. Then the W.R.C. had the is approved by the Department Commander | dinner-call sounded, and the inner man was and is hereby published to the Department. MICHIGAN .-

Matthew Artis Post, 341, Day, was organized March 10, 1886, with Bishop E. Curtis as Commander, who since that time has alternately filled the office and also that of Adjutant, with the honor to his credit of never missing a meeting The Post built a fine hall, 24 by 50 feet, completely furnished it, and has paid all the expenses. The W.R.C. of the Post has been of great help in liquidating the expenses and in keeping up the life and spirit of the

tion between members who are "suspended" been notified of his arrearages in writing by the passed away. At its last regular meeting these Post Quartermaster. He is restored to member- sad events were talked over. ship in good standing by simply paying his POTOMAC .dues. After a suspended member is one year in arrears for dues, and has been notified thereof, after, he may be dropped by a vote of the Post. viously suspended, and so reported on Adjutant's report. It is discretionary for the Post ber. A "dropped" member is entirely out of application on the regular blank, which shall take the same course as that of a recruit. When reinstated he need not be mustered nor remember can be reinstated eithor by the Post | Department Commander's staff. The evening which dropped him or by any other Post, When reinstated by his own Post, he shall pay an amount not exceeding one year's dues. When may be agreed upon, not exceeding the amount

retained by the Post electing him. NEW YORK,-Bureau of Employment and Relief Committee, composed of Courades Geo, W. Beeny, James Ficken, John B. Mendenball, Thos. P. Brown,

lief is required. E. A. Slocum Post, 211, Fairport, recently RHODE ISLAND .-

he was warmly applauded.

silk Headquarters flag, to be used in the future | which includes the much-heard-of "Starboard parades of the Grand Army of the Republic. | Watch," which is composed of 42 old salts. The flag was officially received by Grand | Commander Thomas M. Reed feels justly proud Marshai Barry on behalf of the comrades.

Phil Kearny Post, 8, is not only the oldest Post in the Department, but is one of the most

A swindler is going about this Department an eye out for him. He is said to be about 60 | time enjoyed till time to depart for home. years old and wears a Grand Army uniform. It SOUTH DAKOTA .is said he represents himself as authorized to with work in manufacturing soldiers' uniforms for the State militia. He states that this work has been secured by the Grand Army to give out to the needy widows or wives of soldiers, parts of the two cities, and see that the neces- instead of having the work done by contractors. sary guide-books and information are placed in | His plan, it is said, is to make an examination of the sewing machines in the homes of the The Committee on Reunions and Naval As- persons whom he selects, charging a sum varying from 50 cents to any amount that he may think he can collect, or to sell a that may be held during Encampment week, second-hand machine, which he says he will shall ascertain as soon as practicable what com- | send from Albany with the material from which the uniforms are to be made, but the machine or the work never come.

Joseph P. Cleary, the Department Commander, in recent orders says the following such meetings, and make all other necessary new Posts have been mustered: Post 291, arrangements therefor. This committee shall | Andrew Buehrer, Commander, New York City; also confer with the National officers of the Post 337. De Forrest Whiting, Commander, New Hope, N. Y.; Post 420, Wm. L. Dean, Commander, Highland, N. Y.

William B. Lawrence Post, 301, located at Gainesville, Wyoming County, N. Y., has sur-

steps to secure the authorization from railroads | The Department Commander again calls the of the lowest possible rates from all points in attention of Post Commanders to the suspended the United States to and from Pittsburg, be- list. He carnestly hopes that every effort will ginning the first of the week previous to the | be made to restore these comrades to full memassembling of the National Encampment, have | bership before the next term reports are made. these rates fixed and published as soon as po-si- | Our representation in the next National Euble, make such other transportation arrange- campment depends on the good work that you ments as may be thought desirable, and espe- perform between now and the last meeting of cially provide for expeditious handling of bag- your several Posts in December. He confi- ter 2, Rules and Regulations. The law of our The Committee on Entertainment shall ar- | will see that this Department does not lose a range for the entertainment of the members of | delegate to the National Encampment by the National Encampment, secure a hall for the | reason of any lack of interest on their part in | protection"; it is also the duty of all to persessions of that body, see that it is suitably getting these suspended comrades back in our form the other duties required by the Rules

Encampment. This committee shall also have | Henry Miller Post, 28, Brooklyn, held at Union | charge of all arrangements for Campfire meet- Assembly Rooms, Bedford avenue and South Third street The entertainment opened at 8 | a worthy comrade; it should be discouraged, an address and announced the excellent program. During the entertainment the band | Regulations which govern the Order. mander, in recent orders gives much space to played many patriotic and war songs. The VERMONT .the subject of inspection and the election of | Hall was beautifully decorated with flags and bunting and was crowded to the door. The The attention of Posts is again called to the people went home very much pleased with the entertainment.

Willard Post, Troy, has done what probhave not responded as promptly as they should | ably no other Post in the country has done, in order that the committee may proceed with | and that is the reduction of the annual dues. their work. Posts who wish to contribute must | There is a good surplus in the treasury, and at the last meeting the dues were brought There are a great many old soldiers traveling | down from \$4 a year to \$3, or 25 cents a month. over the country, leaving one Home for another, At the same meeting Comrade Maxon, Judge and in a number of instances they have been | Advocate-General of the Department of North directed out of their way to Indianapolis, in- | Carolina and Virginia, was present. He made stead of sending them direct to their place of | an excellent address and was highly pleased destination. It is very important when so with the manner in which the Post transacted

that this aimless rooming about be discouraged, be presented with a stand of colors by the and the comrades throughout the State are re- family of the man after whom the Post is quested not to send them to this city, where named. Col. Wm. E. Sinn, proprietor of the they cannot get either work or assistance. The | Park Theater, not only offered the tree use of comrades of this city have been very generous | the Park Theater for the ceremonies, but sugin helping their comrades, but they have not | gested that the occasion would be an excellent the funds to respond to the wholesale demands | one for a benefit. The evening of Dec. 23 was that are constantly being made upon them. Out | decided on, and the play to be presented will of the 2,000 or more soldiers who reside in this | be "The New South." The ceremony of the city, a great many will need assistance during | presentation of the colors will take place on the Winter, and the comrades here will have | the stage after the performance, and Gen. Hoall they can do to look after the wants of the | ratio C. King will preside, while Commander worthy and deserving comrades and their fami- A. G. Mills, of Lafayette Post, New York, will make the presentation address on behalf of the family Addresses will also be made by Commander C Hull Grant, Gen. Felix Agnus, Col.

Louis R. Stegman, and others. Gilbert Post, Green Island, held a very enjoyable Campfire recently. The Post had as guests members from Jones Post, West Troy, and others. The evening was spent in a decidedly pleasant manner. After the business had been disposed of and the pipes lighted speeches were made by Commander Cary, of Jones Post, and Comrades Van Leuven, Mc-Gowen, Teso, Wendell, Hilke, Jock, Hoffman, Rosendale, Miller, Glenn, Blackburn, Barrett, and Leon, of Kane Post,

Grand Army matters are livening up in Lebanon County, if we may judge from appearferson Davis. ances. Several weeks ago Post 42, of Lebanon, regaled with bean soup, accompanied by aux-

iliaries not down in the Army Regulations. Following this came a Campfire and bean-soup lunch by Post 494, of Lebanon, at which there was a large attendance. A return visit by the Myerstown comrades to Post 42 was next in order, and was a success in social and historical addresses. The W.R.C. auxiliary to Post 42 were on hand at the proper time with coffee, sandwiches and other refreshments, to which ample justice was done. Next in order came a fraternal visit to Coleman Post, at Annville, by a number of comrades from Posts 42 and 494, of Lebanon, accompanied by quite a number of the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of The Department Commander, Thomas B. Veterans. Addresses were made by Com-Rogers, in recent orders announces that the | mander E. M. Woomer, M. C. for this District, Department Conneil of Administration has Adj't Gherst, of Post 42; Comrade Oliver, of

selected April 11 and 12, 1894, as the date for | Post 494, and quite a number of others. Recithe meeting of the 13th annual Encampment at | tations were also given by a young lady and a Lebanon. He very clearly shows the distinc- little tot of five in a highly creditable manner. Prather Post, Milesburg, claims to be the and "Gropped." A comrade can only be sus- largest in Center County. It numbers 87 mempended by a vote of the Post, after he is six bers. Since Nov. 27, 1892, a sad fatality has months in arrears, and two months after having attended its members, 10 of the number having of war, whether members of our whether members.

There have been few events in the history of George U. Morris Pest, 19, of more moment or in writing, by the Post Quartermaster, unless | more interest than that which occurred repayment is made within two months there- cently, the occasion being the annual inspection and visitation by Department Commander He cannot be dropped unless he has been pre- Faunce and his staff. Post Commander B. T. Janney, in a brief speech, formally called attention to the gift of a stand of National and to drop him or carry him as a suspended mem- Post colors presented to the Post by Mrs. Morris, widow of Commodore Morris, for whom the the Order, and to be reinstated must make Post is named. The colors were accepted, and a vote of thanks directed to be made to Mrs. Morris. Speeches were made by Department obligated, but must sign the Rules and Regula-Bickford, Junior Vice-Commander Janney, First, let us have the name and address of Corp'l Tanner, Col. Joyce, and others of the was closed by a banquet.

There was a pleasant time when the inspection of George II. Thomas Post, 15, was made by reinstated by any other Post, he shall pay an | Department Commander S. E. Fannce and his amount not exceeding one year's dues of his staff. Past Commander George E. Davis was former Post, which shall be collected and for- the Inspector, and found the Post in excellent warded by the Post reinstating him. In such | condition. Department Commander Faunce case he shall also pay such additional fee as spoke to the comrades upon the duties and obcharged for joining by transfer. In case the | Department had suffered a slight loss in memjects of the Grand Army, saying that while the Post which dropped the comrade is disbanded, bership during the past year, Post 15 had made the arrearages due the disbanded Post: ball be a gain of five per cent. The Order was suffering an increased death rate, he said, and the calls for charity were continually increasing. Harry Lee Post, 21, Brooklyn, has gotten | There had been expended by the Posts in this out a new roster. Among its features is a Department during the past year for charity alone the sum of \$18,000. Senior Vice-Communder Nathan Bickford, Assistant Quarter-D. Wade, Edward T. Forman, John Hill, Martin | master-General Ferree, Assistant Adjutant-General G. M. Husted, and Department Chap-Bernard Murphy, Robert Welch, jr. This com. lain Stevens also made pleasant speeches. mittee is empowered to act promptly on all After the Post was closed the Department Comapplications for charity where immediate re- | mander and staff were entertained at a luncheon by individual members of the Post.

beld a very successful Campfire. There was Bucklin Post, 20, Providence, had the enjoy was Rainer and Oakley streets, Seattle, in time to be omitted in Corps Memorial Day blanks.

Robbins. Comrade Wilson read an interesting was also the night of the inspection of the Post, paper on the battle of Gettysburg, which was which service was conducted by the Departattentively listened to. D. D. Grawbarger re- ment Inspector, William E. Stone. Past Decited a poem, after which Comrade Wilson was | partment Commanders David S. Ray, Gideon called upon to recite a poem of his own composi- | Spencer, and Benjamin F. Davis, a good tion, "To Our Old Campfire," and at its close | sprinkling of the comrades of the various Posts of the Department, the five Past Post Com-William G. Mitchell Post, 559, at their last | manders, David S. Ray, Wm. F. Comrie, Orland meeting presented Grand Marshal Barry with | Freeborn, Henry T. Pickersgill, and Fred. A. a handsome set of engressed resolutions, framed | Burt were present. Considerable interest was handsomely, as a token of their appreciation. | manifested in the exemplification of the ritual. The presentation speech was made by Past | Great Grand Army talk was indulged in by Commander William Atkinson, to which the large numbers of the comrades, not the least of Marshal responded appropriately. Col. David | whom was the Department Commander. A S. Brown, Chairman of the Memorial Commit- | collation of army fare was served to all. Bucktee, presented the committee a beautiful blue | lin Post has a membership of 166 comrades,

in being at the head of such a Post. Smith Post, 9, Woonsocket, was inspected by Assistant Department Inspector Leander active and energetic. The members are now | Vallet. One recruit was mustered into Friendengaged in replenishing its relief fund for des- ship, Loyalty and Charity, after which the titute comrades, and they propose giving a Assistant Inspector expressed himself very vocal and instrumental entertainment at their | much pleased with the condition in which he | given the opportunity of helping others. It is Headquarters, 117 West Twenty-third street, found the books, and the Post in general. He on Jan. 11, 1894, which should be a success also made other very interesting remarks. financially, as the comrades are taking hold of Remarks were also made by visiting and other comrades, after which all were invited to the victimizing people, and it will be well to keep | Cigars were passed around and a general good

Phil H. Sheridan Post, 72, held their annual furnish widows and wives of indigent soldiers | Campfire at Faulkner recently. Congressman Pickler, and others, addressed the meeting, The W.R.C. provided a bountiful supper in the court-room, after which those present repaired to the large M. E. Church, where the literary the beginning of life that has its fruition in exercises were held, resulting in a most enjoy- eternity. able time for all. This is one of the best Posts

> UTAH.-The Department Commander, John W. Grierman, in recent orders calls particular attention of Post officers to the number of comrades in to the Order because he is unable to pay his | the vine. dues, neither should comrades be carried on the rolls of the Posts who are able to pay, but are indifferent.

Information has been received at these Headquarters from Post 714. Kenney, Department of Illinois, that one Frank Anderson representing himself as a member of Post 751, Chesterville, O., is a fraud. His wants were supplied upon his representation that he was a comrade, but investigation proved that he was not. The G.A.R of this and other Departments are warned against this man, described as follows, viz: sparely built; hight, 5 feet 10, bald head, with scar on top; right wrist has been broken. Comrades applying for aid should be referred to the Post Commander; they are required to have a traveling-card or leave of absence, as specified in Section 1, Article 4, Chapdently believes that the 660-odd Commanders | Order is as binding upon one comrade as it is upon another, as it is the duty of all "to assist such former comrades-in-arms as need help and and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic. Bestowing aid indiscriminately is initinerants calculate and thrive; its pernicious influence has wrung the heart-strings of many o'clock, with Commander L. G. Temaselli, who and the charity of our organization dispensed every comrade compliance with the Rules and

> In recent orders the Department Commander, Geo. W. Doty, says: "The Department is to be congratulated that not a single Post was reported delinquent to National Headquarters for the term ending June 30. This Department was number 12 in getting in the consolidated report to the National Headquarters. Had the officers of some four or five Posts manifested a little more interest and zeal in the work, this Department might have been nearer number one than it was. It is hoped that this honorable record may continue, and that the next reports may show a gain by muster and reinstatement, and the consolidated rereceived at National Headquarters.

EX-PRISONERS OF WAR.

Official Circular, No. 1, Issued by the President of the National Association. Charles G. Davis, National President of the Ex-Prisoners of War Association, has issued his

first official circuler. Among other things he

The rapidly thinning ranks of our comrades and the fast accumulating evidences of the ending of that harvest of death, the seeds of which were sown at Andersonville and other prisons, warns us to be up and doing before "the night overtakes us when no man can work." That you may more fully comprehend my meaning, I desire to remind you of the many misstatements of facts which have been made in relation to the treatment of Union prisoners of war, and to ask your assistance in the work of correcting those statements, so that future generations may know the truth, and the people of the present day receive a better understanding than

they now possess. One of the great objects of our Association is "to correct false statements concerning rebel prisons, in order that historical justice may be done ourselves and the subjects." I am more than gratified in being able to state that the Historian of the National Association has prepared a full and complete reply to the article of Jef-

The Executive Committee at its meeting, Oct. 13, decided to publish this reply in book form, under the auspices and ownership of the and will be sold at a price within the reach of all. It is a full and complete answer to the rebel chief, and gives documentary evidence from the records of our own Government as well as from the archives of the Confederacy to support the reply. Every citizen of the Republic should possess a copy, and, I am confident, every exprisoner of war will do so.

The officers of associations, all ex-prisoners of war and others are requested to address all letters of inquiry and transmit all moneys for the association to J. L. Kilgore, Secretary and Treasurer, 125 Berkeley Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Money should be sent by check, draft, P. O. money order, registered letter, or express. The bond of the new Secretary and Treasurer has been received and approved.

It is the desire of the National Association to create a National Register of all Union exprisoners of war now living, and to this end the Secretaries of all local and State associations are asked to send to the National Secretary a full list of their members, giving name of war, whether members of an association of not, are requested to at once send their name and address, with name of regiment and company in which they served; also date and place of capture, where imprisoned, and date of release, to the National Secretary at Brooklyn,

The adoption of a button-hole badge, to be worn by Union Ex-Prisoners of War, it is expected will be agreed upon at the next meeting

of the Executive Committee. The question of legislation was referred to the Executive Committee by the National Association, and in this connection allow me to say that no effort will be spared or opportunity lost in our efforts to see your wrongs righted and the long-deferred justice done you. We every Union ex-prisoner of war now living.

Corrections.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue of Nov. 23, on "Soldiers in the Senate," and, J think, in issues before, you have never credited Rhode Island with a soldier Senator. Our senior Senator, Nelson W. Aldrich, served as private in Co. D, 10th R. I. Also, in your article on "Generals in the G.A.R.," you neglect to mention Gen. Frank Wheaton. He belongs to Prescott Post, 1, of Providence, R. I., which I know, as we were mustered in the same evening. Please stand corrected, and oblige, yours, in F., C. and L.-Chas. D. Cobb, 194 Canal street, Providence, R. I.

Improved Service to Cincinnati & St. Louis. The Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Limited, leaving Washington, D. C., 3:30 p. m., and the fast Express, leaving at 1:50 a. m., for Cincinnati | will be enabled, at least, to form the nucleus of and St. Louis, are now equipped with a com- a library at the Home. plete Dining Car service, built expressly for these trains by the Pullman Company. Pullman Dining Cars are also attached to Royal | books from each member and forward the same Blue Line trains leaving 10:00 a. m. and 5:00 as abundance of beans, coffee, and oysters. ment of the Visit of the Department Commander, | 5:00 p. m. Sundays, for Baltimore, Philadelphia reach them for the Christmas festivities. All 30. That Department Chaplains be instructed Speeches were made by Comrades Stevens and | George T. Cranston, and staff on Nov. 28. It and New York.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--- Notes from the Departments.

GIVE GOODLY GIFTS.

And Do Not Horde Your Favors and Flowers When There Are Sad Homes and Hearts to Make Happy.

We should cultivate the habit of generous giving; of continual, amcounted, unstinted gifts. We should give as God gives; of our best, of our choicest, to those who need the gifts of brotherly love. We should give joyfully, gladly, thinking

ourselves the most blessed of earth that we are uplifting, it is exalting, it is a mark of our sonship in the kingdom of love.

Think over all that marvelous story of our banquet-room, where a collation was served. | blessed Lord; the story of his first formal utterance in the synagog, "He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted"; the story of the sermon on the mount; of his miracles; of his ing; the dispensation of love.

Blind are we, indeed, when we fail to see that this is the sum and substance of living;

When God gives it is the perfect sunshine, the source of life and light; it is the perfect fog and mist, that water the dry and parched earth; it is the marvelous perfection of the flower; the perfection of the fruit and the grain, the the suspended list. No comrade should be lost | nut and the tuber, and rich purple clusters of

He gives no crusts to His children. When they are naked He sends no worn and moldy clothing. He spreads the beauty of the sunset even for His most thankless ones. He makes the rain to rain upon the just and the unjust. THE BOX ALL HAVE SEEN.

Not long since a California woman, Elizabeth Grinnell, told how a church society packed a box of "partly-worn or outgrown clothing" for the family of a retired and destitute minister.

There were some pieces of old ingrain carpet; some nicely-done-up shirts, folded so as to conceal the broken collar-bands and the badly-worn under sides; a worn wrapper, with the buttons cut off; collars and cuffs, with frayed edges; a pair of old blankets, "ghosts of former comfort"; some hats and bonnets, with the Mich. feathers and best ribbons cut off; gloves, minus fingers, and a Noah's-ark game, with the legs and tails of half the animals missing.

provided for the conduct of the business of the was recently given under the auspices of juring the Order; it is a premium upon which | yet the box was not full, and it was so an- of officers is at hand, to be governed in their destroyed. nounced by the minister the Sunday following from the pulpit. This announcement brought, from an unknown donor, new suits of underintroduced the Chairman, Samuel E. Burr, of | through the proper channels and under the | clothing for everyone in the family, a bolt of the Entertainment Committee, who delivered proper restrictions, which only demand of bleached muslin, a web of bright flannel, new regardless of personal preference. dress patterns, a suit for the boy, with a knife in the pocket, and other things new and good, from a Christ-like giver.

And with the gifts was a note, in typewriting, to conceal the source of giving, and it

"In recognition of good and faithful service, many times unrequited, rendered to the Church in years gone by, the inclosed articles are affectionately offered."

Then it was the women saw their frowsy gifts in their true light. They unpacked separate homes in their several Departments. their box and threw out the useless articles one by one, and in their stead placed the new, turns from this Department be the first to be | bright, comfortable, cheering gifts. And then and there they pledged themselves never to solicit old clothes from a congregation that of the Order at the World's Fair exhibit. wore "purple and fine linen."

> "That night I dreamed," says the writer, "that it was the Judgment Day. A great many of our church people were there hearing 'about the deeds done in the body.'

"Suddenly a great box was rolled in front of the judgment seat, and in it were all the for retired and destitute ministers. We were | Board. frightened, when a voice said lovingly, 'I was naked and ye clothed me.' Then I dreamed that we all fell on our faces and cried, for we remembered the frayed linen and worn old | President in turning over the Andersonville blankets."

Dear sisters of the Relief Corps, pledged to befriend and comfort the old soldiers of the Union, how are you keeping your vows? Are your gifts the best gifts? Are your thoughts for them the soul-compelling thoughts which | dent in the case of Ada F. Clark be sustained. crystallize into the fairest and purest and holiest gifts?

Unite and labor day and night. Let theirs be the brightest banners, the sweetest flowers, ately take transfers from their Department the best treasures of loving woman's limitless resources for the old soldiers of the flag. Bless and beautify their humble homes; carry sunshine and cheer into the asylums where their fast-flying years are spent. And let every gift National Association. The book will contain | be marked, "In recognition of good and faithover 400 pages, with a number of illustrations, ful service, many times unrequited, rendered to our country and our flag in years gone by, these, our gifts, are affectionately offered."

OH, FOR SOME FRAGRANT BLOSSOMS! By Annie Wittenmyer, Sanatoga, Pa.

Oh, for some fragrant blossoms, Yielding the richest perfume, Lilies, and pinks, and roses, And flowers of rarest bloom,

To scatter along life's highway, Where sickness and sorrow meet, And many walk brokenhearted With blistered and bleeding feet.

Open your blooming gardens And let the multitudes in, There may be some among them

Homesick and weary of sin; Teach them life's aweetest lesson. God's love written out in flowers. Tell of his tender compassion His gentle, protecting powers.

Scatter your fragrant blossoms, Treasure them not for the dead, While human hearts are breaking And children crying for bread; Utter some words of comfort.

Give of thy loaf to cheer, The "Well done" of the Master Then joyfully thou shalt hear, Keep no flowers for their coffins,

The dead need no words of cheer; Their eyes are blind to beauty, Their ears are too deaf to hear; Give blessings to the fiving, Give words of praise to the true, For as you deal with others

The Master will deal with you.

The first chiming of the Christmas bells came to us from far-away Seattle. Then it was taken up at the great metropolis of the inland seas, Chicago; and soon across the land from ocean to ocean we shall hear the united music of the W.R.C. sounding "Peace on earth, good will towards men."

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

The following Christmas call is from General President of Washington and Alaska, who, by the way, announces the institution at Elma of Worthington Corps, No. 13:

My sisters of the Department of Washington W.R.C., the Christmas holidays are fast approaching, and we could select no more appropriate season than this to remember the inmates of the Soldiers' Home. It is my earnest desire that each and all donate a bound book, upon the fly-leaf of which put the donor's name; also the name and number of the Corps to which they belong. Let us also solicit books from our friends who are not members of the W.R.C., many of whom would be glad to contribute to so worthy a cause. In this way we | Corps.

Each Corps President shall appoint sor a wide-awake women of her Corps to solicit books should be sent before Dec. 15. Let us to consolidate their reports, add each column,

make this Christmas one that will reflect credit | state the number of Corps in their Department | Cantwell Corps surprised their President on the Woman's Relief Corps, the loyal auxil- and place the total on last page of report, sign iary of the Grand Army of the Republic. After report and forward to Department President the holidays we will issue a circular containing | for approval, she to forward the same to the contributions in full to the piano fund, and the | National Chaplain.

member that the comrades are fast passing | Chaplain by the Department Secretary. away, and that now is our time to care for them and their dependent ones. Then let us | report to National Convention in tabulated work with renewed energy and zeal, knowing | form. that we have, at most, only a few years in which we will have them to work for, before they leave to join the great army and answer | Army of the Republic. to the last tap of the drum at the roll-call of the Great Commander on the shining shore

The following is from General Orders, No. 10, f Department President Emma R. Wallace, of

In the distance we hear the chimes of the Christmas bells, and as their tones ring out 'Peace on earth, good will to men," let each lorps determine to add their mite, that someone may be the happier. Remember the soldiers and sailors at the Home in Quincy. Do not | nation direct to the National Inspector. forget the veterans' orphans at their school in Normal.

Home, in rear of 4057 Lake avenue, Chicago. tunate comrades whose clouded minds confine to be appointed by the incoming National In most places extensive preparations are going parables; and what is it but the gospel of giv- them in the Insane Asylum at Kankakee, President. Elgin and Anna.

> NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS. HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,) AUXILIARY TO THE G.A.R.,

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 20, 1893. General Orders, No. 3. 1. Mrs. Maggie Monroe Rudisille has been appointed Provisional Department President of New Mexico, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

returns will be forwarded to these Head- selected from the Corps located near the place flowers and National colors. The Campfire in from individuals, which should be sent to their | shall be continued, with the following changes:

2. The Corps of Utah and Idaho have been

respective Department Headquarters. All In Form S the space for Assistant National In- | welcomed by Gen. and Mrs. Young. Mary E. communications must go through the proper spectors be enlarged. Columns 6 and 7 be in-Headquarters.

W.R.C., held at Indianapolis Sept. 6 and 7, re- W.R.C.?" That Form T be changed, giving elected Armilla A. Cheney Treasurer for the | more space for Department Inspectors. That | nans. ensuing year, thereby showing their unbounded | column 17 be increased and ruled for dollars confidence in her sterling worth and ability, and cents, to accommodate the figures needed and their appreciation of her four years of | to show amount turned over to Post. faithful, nuremitting service in that capacity. All moneys must be made payable to her. During this quarter money orders and bank | send out Inspectors' blanks, be rescinded and checks have been made payable at Syracuse, the matter left as it was. (That Department Chicago, Sabetha, and Detroit. Once more! Make all orders, checks, and drafts payable to | spectors' blanks, Form O, from National Treas-A. A. Cheney, 84 Brainard street, Detroit, | urer by requisition, the same as any other

much pleasure and satisfaction the motive ports, affix her postoffice address, which seems to actuate all alike, viz., a desire | 44. That all old correspondence not needed for | Lansingburg, and the hope was expressed that There were many other worthless things, and to advance in our work, and, now that election future reference, together with old reports, be legislation by principles of loyalty and devotion to the work for which we are banded together; urging upon their members the necessity of laying aside every petty ambition, and of electing such as are best qualified to fill the offices, Officer.

6. Department Secretaries will please note Chapter V., Article 1, Section 2, of Rules and Regulations, regarding supplemental reports. The following decisions of 11th National Convention are hereby promulgated:

DECISIONS OF 11TH NATIONAL CONVENTION. 1. That action of National President in continuing the use of blanks on hand be approved. 2. That Convention indorse the suggestion of National President to centralize our strength and financial aid in the National W.R.C. Home, and that Departments contribute to the support of the National Home, rather than establish 3. That the establishment of National Woman's Relief Corps Headquarters during the

World's Fair in Chicago be approved.

4. That we most heartily approve the action of the National President in the representation 5. That thanks be extended to the Veterans' Protective Association, Chicago, Ill., for National Headquarters rooms furnished by them, free of expense, during the World's Fair. 6. That we appreciate and commend Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer's faithful services for the

Army Nurses, but in view of the limited state of our finances, the matter of further expense for Army Nurse Pensions be placed in the partly-worn cast-off clothing we ever donated hands of the Woman's Relief Corps Home 7. That thanks be extended Corp'l James Tanner for the gratuitous work he has done in

securing pensions for Army Nurses. 8. That we approve the action of the National fund toward liquidating the debt upon the Andersonville Prison property. 9. That in consideration of the great advan-

tage to the Order, the printing remain with Comrade E. B. Stillings, Boston, Mass. a 10. That the decision of the National Presi-11. That as there is no provision in Department blanks for accounting for detached members of a Department, all such members (having

been admitted to the Order) should immedi-President and Secretary and join a subordinate 12. That in case a deficit appears, after the bond of a Treasurer has been surrendered, (the Auditing Committee having reported her ac-

counts correct,) the Treasurer is the only one whom the civil courts can hold financially responsible. 13. That Department Presidents may grant a special dispensation to a member out on transfer (but not within reach of another Corps), permitting her to be considered a member of

the Corps from which the transfer was taken, until such time as she shall be able to present herself to some Corps for admission by transfer, as prescribed in the ritual. 14. That thanks be extended to Sabetha Post.

175, G.A.R., and Sabetha W.R.C., 44, Department of Kansas, for use of their rooms as National Headquarters, free of cost, 15. That the five elected members of the National W.R.C. Home Board shall be recognized as National officers during their term of

office, and be voting members of the National Convention. 16. That only the official proceedings and reports of officers be printed in the Convention

17. That in order to reduce the expense of printing the Journal of the National Convention, but one copy be sent to each Corps. 18. That Department Presidents furnish list of all entitled to copy of Proceedings of Cor vention for mailing purposes. 19. That the action of eighth National Con-

vention regarding the National Council of

Women be rescinded.

20. That the National Woman's Relief Corps become members of the National Council of Women, providing that no expense attached to were present in a body. President Hutchins the same be paid from the Treasury of the National Woman's Relief Corps. 21. That the following volunteer committee raise the money necessary to join the National

Council of Women: Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, Canton, O.; Mrs. Emma R. Wallace, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Louisa A. Robbins, Adrian, Mich., and Mrs. Sue Stewart Wadsworth, South Boston, Mass. 22. That all revisions authorized by National Convention be made by the retiring National President and Secretary, not later than 60 days

after each Convention. 23. That the incoming National President be instructed to detail a suitable person, near the Orders, No. 3, of Jennie S. Holmes, Department | delinquent Detached Corps, to secure their supplies 60 days after each Convention. 24. That Department Secretaries and Treas-

nrers send with their last report before retiring from office a detailed report of the condition of Corps and membership for filing with the National Secretary. 25. That outgoing, incoming and permanent representatives to National Convention receive National General Orders from their respective

26. That no money be voted or expended except for carrying on the legitimate work of the Woman's Relief Corps. 27. That Department Chaplain's blanks be made to conform to Memorial blanks issued to

Department Headquarters.

28. That exact figures be given to the questions in Chaplain's blanks, "How many soldiers' graves were decorated?" and "How many children took part?" 29. That the question, "How many members' to Jennie S. Holmes, Department President, graves were marked with flag and decorated?"

number of books donated by the Corps for the Soldiers' Home, as above requested.

In conclusion, let me urge upon you to re-31. That immediately after Department

33. That there can be but one Woman's Relief Corps auxiliary to a Post of the Grand

34. That all papers which have been forwarded to the National Headquarters for inquarters until otherwise disposed of by National Convention

National Inspector, together with their consolidated report. resigning their positions, forward their resig-

37. That a committee be appointed, consist-Let your gifts be also sent to the mothers and incoming National Inspectors and two and widows at the Illinois Women's Soldiers' | Past National Inspectors, to formulate some plan or method of inspection and to report to Above all, give a thought to the poor unfor- the 12th National Convention. The committee | nearly all of the 315 Corps in the Department.

> aside for the purpose of paying for instruction among the Corps of the South, and isolated,

needy Corps in the West. 39. That the inspection of Department books

selected from the Corps located in cities enter- other members of their families. Corps 29 artaining the Convention. In cities having no ranged a most sumptuous banquet, and the remanded to Detached Corps. All reports and | Corps the Assistant National Inspector shall be | tables were beautifully laid and garnished with

of Convention. 3. Communications are coming to this office | 41. That the blanks now in use for inspection officers' hands to insure recognition at these | creased. That column 11 and space for "Remarks" be consolidated under the head "What 4. The 11th National Convention of the are the relations of Department G.A.R. and

42. That action taken by the 10th National Convention, requiring National Inspectors to Treasurers order Assistant Department In-

5. From General Orders received at this office | 43. That each Department Instituting and from the different Departments, we note with | Installing Officer, when signing quarterly re-

> 45. That hereafter Department charters and charters of Detached Corps be engressed at National Headquarters, instead of as heretofore by National Instituting and Installing

46. That the thanks of the 11th National Convention be extended to Hon. E. J. Clapp. Hon. A. H. McCoy, and the Board of Construction, for their faithful and generous efforts in preparing and fitting up the Ohio Cottage at the National Woman's Relief Corps Home. 47. That National Conventions transact the

most important business, including the election of officers, which shall be made the special order of business, not later than the afternoon of the second day. 48. That Departments be allowed to legislate

ment Journals.

49. That we strongly urge the adoption of some form of patriotic teaching in our public 50. That each Department President instruct the Corps Presidents in her Department to appoint a committee of influential ladies belonging to their Corps to petition the County and City Superintendents and teachers to recom-

American flag, to be introduced in the morning exercises of the public schools. 51. That we urge each member of the Woman's Relief Corps to adhere strictly to the patriotic teachings of our Order, and endeavor to inculcate lessons of loyalty and patriotism among the young in the communities in which

52. That the following clause be stricken out of Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 6, Rules and Regulations: "She shall not be eligible to membership in any other Corps without the consent, by two-thirds vote, of the Corps rejecting her." 53. That the time of meeting of Department Conventions shall be at the same time and place as the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, provided that accommodations are adequate for both. Convention shall be held at some contiguous point.

54. That the provision of defraying of expense of organization of new Corps be left with Departments. 55. That all contributions from Corps and Departments for Memorial Halls and Memorial Day in the South be sent through the regular channel to the National Treasurer, she to remit the same to the Quartermaster-General of

the Grand Army, for distribution among the most needy and worthy Posts. 56. That the Army Nurse Record Book, when completed, be placed in the Army Nurse Department of Pension Office in Washington,

57. That the game called Rules and Regulations, prepared for instruction and amusement of Corps by Mrs. Clark, of Wisconsin, be referred to the incoming National Council for their indorsement, if found worthy.

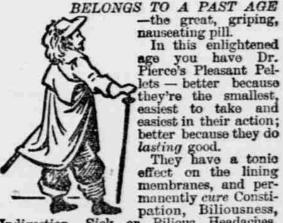
58. That after all expenses of packing and returning World's Fair exhibits to the different Departments contributing them be paid, the balance in the World's Fair fund be given to Margaret Ray Wickins, Past National Presi-Additional decisions, should there be any,

will be promulgated in future orders, A circular has been issued by the Board of Directors of National W.R.C. Home, and approved by National Council, calling for financial aid in carrying on the work of the Home, and procuring pensions for Army Nurses. This circular will very soon be placed in the hands of Department Presidents for promulgation in the respective Departments. We hope for and earnestly urge a hearty and generous reponse. By order of SARAH C. MINK, National Presi-

SARAH E. PHILLIPS, National Secretary.

ALL ALONG THE LINE. The first anniversary celebration of Relief Corps 157, South Boston, Mass., was a most good standing, 40 Camps, 1,022 members. notable occasion. Department Commander Eli W. Hall, Department President Clark, and many leading representatives, G.A.R. and W.R.C., were in attendance. Camp 7, S. of V., presided with grace, and speech, song, music, and recitations followed each other in brilliant succession. A collation followed the formal

Ella J. Heath, Secretary of Cantwell Corps, 138, Kenton, O., reports a delightful inspection evening. Department Inspector Vesta J. Shoemaker officiating. At the close of inspection Cantwell Post were admitted in a body and shared in the lunch and general festivities.



lasting good. They have a tonic effect on the lining membranes, and permanently cure Constipation, Biliousness, Indigestion, Sick or Bilious Headaches, Nervousness, and every derangement of the

liver, stomach, and bowels. DR. R. V. PIERCE: Dear Sir - My whole system seems to have undergone a change-since taking "Pleasant Pellets." My nerves are wonderfully improved and I no longer have at-tacks of "the blues." It is wonderful, the good the "Peilce" have done my liver complaint.

Phæbe C. Park, on a recent evening and presented her with a silver butter-dish, butterknife, and sugar spoon, in celebration of her birthday, Callie F. Sorgan making the presentation speech. A nice luncheon was served.

In General Orders, No. 3, Department President Josephine B. Lewis, of Louisiana and Mississippi, urges her associates to greater 32. That the National Chaplain present her efforts on behalf of needy veterans and their families, and thanks the Whittier Literary Club for the proceeds of an entertainment for the benefit of relief.

Comrade J. C. O. Redington, who has been busy on a fine Chancellorsville number of the Acme Haversack, proposes to given his next attention to a W.R.C. souvenir number, to be vestigation are the property of the National out holiday week. He is about to print the Order, and should be filed at National Head- W.R.C. Odes for free distribution, and has a plan, in this connection, whereby Corps can add largely to their relief fund by communi-35. That all Department Inspectors shall cating with him. Address him at Syracuse if prepare a summary of inspection and send to you would try it.

Department President Ella Jordan Mason, of Maine, announces the formation of John H. 36. That all Assistant National Inspectors, on | Crane Corps at Buxton Center, and E. D. C. West Corps at Franklin. President Mason has been conducting a vigorous campaign for the Maine Home, greatly encouraged by Departing of the National President, the outgoing | ment Commander Cushing and her associates in the work.

Department Inspector Vesta J. Shoemaker, of Ohio, reports very favorable returns from forward for a busy Winter of relief, made im-38. That a sum, not exceeding \$200, be set | perative by the distressing times. In 25 Corps inspected by her personally over \$3,000 had been expended in relief for the year ending

Sept. 1, 1893. The Ohio Council of Administration, G.A.R., shall occur the day prior to Convention, and at their recent business meeting held in Xenia that Chap. V. Art. V. Sec, 3, of Rules and Reg- were royally entertained by Lewis Post and ulations be changed to conform to this de- Corps. There was a full attendance, headed by Department Commander Williams, and many 40. That Assistant National Inspectors be | comrades were accompanied by their wives or the Opera House was an inspiring assemblage. Most of the guests visited the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, and were cordially Bancroft, National Inspector, accompanied her husband, Col. Carl M. Bancroft, of the Council of Administration, and Sarah D. Winans, Chairman Orphaus' Home Committee, her husband, Department Inspector J. Cory Wi-

SONS OF VETERANS.

News from the Various Divisions-Election of Officers, etc.

NEW YORK. McConihe Camp, West Troy, recently held a very pleasant musical and literary entertainment, the talent being secured among the ranks of the Camp.

King Camp, Lansingburg, at a recent meeting, extended resolutions of sympathy to Gen. Joseph B. Carr and Comrade Josiah E. West, of both may rapidly recover their health.

Corp'l Oscar C. Smith Camp. 294, Jermyn.

recently held a sociable. The weather was extremely bad, but, in spite of this, there was a good crowd present, and expenses were more than cleared. At the last the meeting took up debating and questions for the good of the

PENNSYLVANIA.

VERMONT. W. M. Sargent, Division Commander, in recent Orders says: All commissions for Camp officers will be issued immediately upon receipt of Installing Officer's report, which in each case must be accompanied by the regular fee of 10 cents for each commission. See Sec. X. Orders No. 4. Series 1893. There will be no

deviation from this rule. as to what shall be printed in their Depart-The Ladies' Aid, the helpful anxiliary of our Order, is deserving of our earnest and undiwided attention. Their zealous and reverent efforts in the past and present have rendered a service which should command the distinguished recognition of the brothers of the Division. It is urged that Camps reader every possible assistance to the officers in extending the growth of this loyal and valuable organization. The ladies which constitute it are demend some form of patriotic salute to the voted and self-sacrificing for our interests.

Camps failing to comply with Sec. VI., Orders No. 5, in returning full and complete reports to these Headquarters for the quarter ending Sept. 30 were suspended Oct. 16. Camps 5, 7. 39, 42, 46, 48, 51, 58, 61, 65, 66, 70, 79, 80, 81. Reinstated prior to Det. 16, Camps 18, 39, 45, 46, 52, 78, 80, 81, 87. Reinstated since Oct. 16, Camps 5, 22, 39, 42, 46, 70, 79. Remaining suspended, one quarter, Camps 7, 48, 51, 58, 61, 65, 66, 80, 81; three quarters, Camps 59, 62, 76. The brothers of the above-mentioned Camps are reminded that no election can be held until all reports and per capita tax have been forwarded to Division Headquarters.

New Camps are in process of formation at Rutland and West Burke. The Commander regrets the announcement of the great loss to Capt. W. H. Humphray Camp, 86, Essex Junction, by the late fire, which destroyed all the Camp property, together with charter and books. The Camp will soon secure new quarters, and a new charter will be issued; such assistance will be rendered by Headquarters as will be needed to

place the Camp in condition to resume their duties. It is gratifying to your Commander to give notice that the unsettled condition of Camps 19, of Burlington, and 22, of Barre, which has for some time seriously impaired their influence heretofore existing in the Division, has been

amicably adjusted and settled. It is desired at this time to impress upon the Camp officers the necessity of promptness in conducting the business with these Headquarters. Quarterly rep rts should be made out on the last meeting night of the quarter and forwarded immediately, accompanied by the per capita tax. We were met by a large loss from suspension during the quarter ending Sept. 30, as will be seen by the consolidated report. It is hoped that Camp officers will use all due diligence to the end that we may regain the great ioss by the reinstatement of the suspended brothers, so that at the end of the present quarter we shall have our full force in line. If possible comply with all the requirements of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and more especially promptness in forwarding

quarterly reports. The following is the Adjutant's report for the quarter ended Sept. 30: Number in good standing, last report, 48 Camps, 1,207 members; gain by muster-in, 24 members; reinstatement, 9 Camps, 201 members; aggregate, 55 Camps, 1,432 members. Lost by death, 2 members; honorable discharge, 6 members; transfer, 4 members; suspension, 15 Camps, 398 members; dropped, 33 members; total loss, 15 Camps, 410 members. Number in

Massachusetts Daughters of Veterans. Mrs. John Read Tent, 4, Cambridge, Mass.,

celebrated the third anniversary of its organization recently. Several National officers were present as guests, and also the Department President of Massachusetts, Miss Addie A. York, and staff, all of whom made congratulatory addresses. Large delegations from nearby Tents and S. of V. Camps were also present, and a general good time was enjoyed by all. Applications for charters have been received at Department Headquarters from interested

parties in Lowell and North Attleboro, and two

new Tents will probably be added to this Department before the close of the year. Abby Borden Tent, 16, Fall River, is arranging for an elaborate entertainment, to occur on Louisa M. Alcott Tent, 8, Fitchburg, had a

most enjoyable gathering a short time ago, Supper was served from 6 to 8, after which Gen. John T. Kimball, State Auditor of Massachusetts, delivered an interesting lecture on the "Battle of Ball's Bluff." Inspections and exemplifications are the order of the day in this Department, and the re-

sults are most gratifying, showing decided progress in the work of this bright young orranization. Elizabeth R. Berry, Department Correspond-

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